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SUBJECT: ANTARCTIC TREATY AND INTERNATIONAL COORDINATION  
OF BIOMASS RESEARCH PROGRAM IN THE SOUTHERN  
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1. EMBASSY INFORMED UK FCO (BROOKFIELD) AND GEORGE  
HEMMON, SECRETARY OF SCAR, OF CONTENTS OF REFTEL. FCO IS  
IN PROCESS OF OBTAINING CLEARANCE ON A POSITION VERY SIM-  
ILAR TO THAT OF THE U.S. AND DOES NOT ANTICIPATE ANY

DIFFICULTY IN GETTING A POSITION CLEARED WHICH WILL LEND  
SUPPORT TO THE U.S. IN THIS MATTER.

2. GEORGE HEMMON, SECRETARY OF SCAR, WAS VERY POSITIVE  
IN SUPPORT OF THE U.S. POSITION. HE SAID THAT IT EXACTLY  
EXPRESSED HIS VIEWS. HE THINKS THAT IT IS UNAVOIDABLE  
THAT ONE OF THE UN AGENCIES WILL BECOME INVOLVED IN BIO-  
MASS AND HE MUCH PREFERS IOC/SOC RATHER THAN ANY NEW  
ELEMENT SET UP IN SAY FAO OR UNEP. HE DOES NOT BELIEVE  
THAT THE POTENTIAL FOR POLITICIZATION IS VERY HIGH IN  
IOC/SOC SINCE IT WILL HAVE NO MEASURE OF CONTROL OVER RE-  
SOURCES, THESE BEING UNDER CONTROL OF INDIVIDUAL STATES.  
HEMMON WAS SORRY TO HEAR THAT FRENCH WERE TAKING A VIEW  
SIMILAR TO ARGENTINA'S RE POLITICIZATION DANGER. HE SAID  
THAT IF HE WERE ASKED DIRECTLY IF SCAR/SCOR COULD NOT DO  
THE JOB ALONE, HE WOULD HAVE TO AGREE THAT IT COULD "FOR  
THE TIME BEING." HOWEVER, AS BIOMASS GETS WELL UNDERWAY,  
THE DATA HANDLING AND COORDINATION OF MULTI-SHIP OPERA-  
TIONS WILL REQUIRE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL LINK SUCH AS IOC  
CAN PROVIDE.

3. HEMMON ALSO MENTIONED THAT HE EXPECTED SOME 50 COPIES  
OF THE BIOMASS PROJECT PROPOSAL TO BE AVAILABLE BY DATE  
OF IOC/SOC MEETING HERE IN LONDON NEXT WEEK WHICH HE WILL  
BE ATTENDING.

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